(e) and (f) Data pertaining to prices offered by private procurers/traders and the quantum of procurement by private players is not maintained in the Ministry.

Export of sugar

†3075. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have banned the export of sugar by issuing a notification on 4th July, 2006;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 50,000 tonnes of sugar were lying at ports for exports at the time of issuing of said notification;

(d) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(e) whether Government have taken any decision with regard to export of said sugar and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government has prohibited export of sugar up to 31st March, 2007 *vide* Notification No. 18 dated 4th July, 2006 issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

(c) and (d) As per information furnished by Indian Sugar Exim Corporation, about 60,000 M.Ts. were lying at/near the port permises at the time of issuing the Notification dated 4th July, 2006.

(e) The Government has decided to allow export of sugar which had left the factory premises before 22nd June 2006, subject to certain conditions.

FPS Management

3076. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fair Price Shops, State-wise;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) How many of the above are managed by holders belonging to SC and ST, State-wise; and

(c) the action being taken to look into the complaints regarding quality of foodgrains supplied by P.D.S. shops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) A statement showing the number of Fair Price Shops State-wise is annexed (*See* below).

(b) As license for running the FPS is issued by the State Govts. information regarding FPSs managed by holders belonging to SC and ST is not being maintained in the Department.

(c) As and when specific complaints regarding quality of foodgrains supplied by the PDS shops are received, these are got investigated. Besides, following steps are being taken by the Government to ensure that only good quality foodgrains are distributed through TPDS.

1. The Samples of foodgrains are jointly drawn and sealed by the officers of the State Governments/UTs and the FCI during the issue of stocks from FCI godowns for display at the counters of Fair Price Shops (FPSs.)
2. The officers of the State Governments' and the Ministry pay surprise checks of the FPSs, to over see the quality of foodgrains being distributed through TPDS.
3. The officers of the Department designated as 'Area Officers' for monitoring the TPDS work in the respective States also undertake visits to the storage depots and the FPSs, during their visit to the States to check the quality of foodgrains being issued.

Statement

State-wise number of Fair Price Shops

(as on 31.7.2006)

Sl.No.	State/UT	Fair Price Shop
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	41254
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1444
3.	Assam	33229

1	2	3
4.	Bihar	41818
5.	Chhattisgarh	7869
6.	Delhi	2745
7.	Goa	518
8.	Gujarat	15954
9.	Haryana	9417
10.	Himachal Pradesh	4207
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	3927
12.	Jharkhand	14395
13.	Karnataka	20550
14.	Kerala	14153
15.	Madhya Pradesh	18688
16.	Maharashtra	50160
17.	Manipur	2551
18.	Meghalaya	4284
19.	Mizoram	1058
20.	Nagaland	408
21.	Orissa	26655
22.	Punjab	13874
23.	Rajasthan	20881
24.	Sikkim	1276
25.	Tamilnadu	27995
26.	Tripura	1457
27.	Uttar Pradesh	74788
28.	Uttranchal	8128
29.	West Bengal	20403
30.	A & N Island	488
31.	Chandigarh	24
32.	D&N Haveli	78
33.	Daman & Diu	51
34.	Lakshdweep	35
35.	Pondicherry	412
	TOTAL:	485174